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FROM AMBASSADOR

FOR USDEL AND S/S-EX

FOLLOWING IS SECTION 2 OF 2 OF ALEXANDRIA 633 REPEATED
FOR YOUR ACTION QUOTE

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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SCARRITT

8. SECRETARIAL AND COURIER SUPPORT:
REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE SERVICES HAVE BEEN MET.
PERSONNEL ASSIGNED FOR THESE DUTIES WILL BE
ARRIVING IN ALEXANDRIA ESSENTIALLY SUNDAY.

9. TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITRY:
WE ARE MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
OF THE PRESIDENCY TOMORROW (AUGUST 5) AT 1030
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AT WHICH TIME WE WILL PROVIDE BOTH IN ENGLISH
AND ARABIC A LIST OF REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO SUPPORT
THE INSTALLATION OF THE TTS. PTT HAS PROVIDED
THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF LINES ON
PREVIOUS VISITS AND ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAST
VISIT OF THE SECRETARY TO ALEXANDRIA WE PROPOSED
THAT THEY LEAVE THE LINES INSTALLED TO THE HOTEL FRAME.

WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THIS HAS BEEN DONE, THEREFORE
CONNECTING THEM TO THE SPECIFIED LOCATIONS SHOULD GO
RELATIVELY SMOOTHLY. AT THE SAME MEETING WE WILL
BE TROUBLE-SHOOTING A NEW LINE LEASED FROM ITT TO
PROVIDE ALEXANDRIA A SECOND CIRCUIT PATH TO WASHINGTON.
DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS ARE PHYSICALLY IN ALEXANDRIA
WITH ALL NEEDED EQUIPMENT TO ACTIVATE THIS CIRCUIT
AS SOON AS WE HAVE RESOLVED WHAT APPEARS TO BE LOW
VOLTAGE PROBLEMS. PAST TWO DAYS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
AS INDICATED IN THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF THIS MESSAGE,
BUT WE ARE ASSURED THAT THE PRESIDENCY WILL ASSIGN THE NECESSARY
ENGINEERING STAFF TO MAKE THESE LINES OPERABLE IF THEY
DO NOT HAVE ANOTHER FAILURE OF THE TYPE WITH WHICH THEY
HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED IN THE PAST TWO DAYS. IN EGYPT
THE BEST ONE CAN DO IS TO PRESS CONTINUALLY DEMANDS
FOR SERVICE AND OUR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT ULTIMATELY
THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY THE BEGINNING OF THE VISIT.
WE WILL OF COURSE STAY WITH THIS PROBLEM AS LONG AS IT
NEEDS ATTENTION.

10. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. OTHER THAN THE RAMADAN WHICH HAS BEEN NOTED AND
EXPLAINED IN CAIRO 18342, NO OTHER LOCAL HOLIDAYS WILL
OCCUR DURING THE VISIT. NO OTHER EXTRANEIOUS CONDITIONS
WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VISIT ARE CONTEMPLATED.
B. TEMPERATURE IN ALEXANDRIA IS IN THE 70'S UNTIL
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ABOUT NOON AND WARMER OF COURSE IN THE AFTERNOON.
EVENINGS ARE PLEASANT.
C. NO BLACK-TIE FUNCTIONS ARE SCHEDULED.
D. HOTEL ROOM DOORS WILL BE MARKED WITH THE OCCUPANTS
NAME AND KEY PLACED IN THE DOOR OR IN UNLOCKED ROOMS
PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.
E. ELECTRIC CURRENT IN ALEXANDRIA AND IN HOTEL IS
220 VOLT, 50 CYCLE. ADAPTOR PLUGS AND TRANSFORMERS
WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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